



Hart County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday July 28, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

1. PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. WELCOME
5. APPROVE AGENDA
6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
  - 07/14/2020 Reg Meeting
7. REMARKS BY INVITED GUESTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES
8. REPORTS BY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
11. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
12. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) FY 21 Recreation Bid Awards (Uniforms for Football)
  - b) Resolution Authorizing Election to Decide Liquor by the Drink and Sunday Sales of Liquor by the Drink
  - c) FY21 Legacy Link Matching Funds Commitment Letter
  - d) City of Hartwell Annexation Proposal
  - e) Utility Installation Permit Procedure / Policy
13. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Zion CME Church Road sight distance issue
  - b) Mize Property Tax refund
  - c) Ayers Property Tax refunds
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation – Real Estate
16. ADJOURNMENT

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Hart County Board of Commissioners met July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman Joey Dorsey presided with Commissioners Frankie Teasley, Marshall Sayer and Ricky Carter in attendance. Commissioner R C Oglesby was absent.

1. Prayer

Prayer was offered by Commissioner Marshall Sayer.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood in observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Chairman Dorsey called the meeting to order.

4. Welcome

Chairman Dorsey welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Sayer moved to amend and approve the agenda to include Item 7 District Attorney Parks White – Stand Your Ground Law. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- 07/14/2020 Reg Meeting

Commissioner Teasley moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Remarks By Invited Guests, Committees, Authorities

- District Attorney Parks White – Stand Your Ground Law

District Attorney Parks White explained the Self Defense and Defensive Habitation in the State of Georgia as it pertains to individuals rights to defense of habitation (motor vehicle, home and place of business, property and self). He also explained an individual's rights under Stand Your Ground Law. As person who uses threats or force in accordance with Georgia Law, in defense of self or others, has no duty to retreat, has the right to stand his or her ground and use force including deadly force.

The BOC thanked Mr. White for his presentation.

8. Reports By Constitutional Officers & Department Heads

County Attorney Walter Gordon reported the Northern Judicial Circuit will commence with civil cases August 11, 2020.

## 9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Terrell Partain explained 911 Communication Officers and Paramedics are following strict protocol in reference to COVID.

## 10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Dorsey announced a budget meeting is scheduled to follow the regular meeting; Ladies Fishing Tournament is scheduled this weekend; will be recognizing Randy Seawright upon his retirement; congratulated Capt. Wayne Hinson, Paramedic Ronnie Thompson and Sheriff Mike Cleveland for being nominated for 2020 People's Choice Awards. He also reported a leak of information that was discussed during Executive Session recently; stated he would challenge the commissioners' availability of attending Executive Session if there is another breach of confidentiality.

## 11. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Teasley thanked First Responders, EMS, Law Enforcement and county employees for their efforts.

Commissioner Sayer congratulated employees and elected officials for being nominated for being nominated for the People's Choice Awards; encouraged everyone to pray for law enforcement, health care workers and those in nursing homes during the pandemic.

Commissioner Carter congratulated those who were nominated for the People's Choice Awards.

## 12. Old Business

### a) FY 21 Recreation Bid Awards (Uniforms for Football)

Commissioner Sayer moved to award the bid to Royal Graphics as per the Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### b) Resolution Authorizing Election to Decide Liquor by the Drink

Commissioner Sayer moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Election to Decide Liquor by the Drink on the referendum for the November ballot. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### c) FY 21 Legacy Link Matching Funds Commitment Letter

Commissioner Teasley moved to authorize Chairman Dorsey to sign the FY21 Legacy Link Matching Funds Commitment Letter. Commissioner Carter provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### d) City of Hartwell Annexation Proposal

Chairman Dorsey stated the City of Hartwell officials have annexed property without following proper procedures; however, there is no way the City can legally annex Hart State Park into the city. The county offered a 25-year MOU that was denied by the City and submitted an annexation proposal to the BOC.

Commissioner Sayer wanted to know how a continuous line around Corp of Engineers property will affect the county and the city.

Commissioner Teasley stated he doesn't think the annexation proposal meets the 50' criteria set by law.

Chairman Dorsey moved to deny the City of Hartwell's Annexation Proposal. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion.

Commissioner Carter commented the County and City officials need to meet and discuss the issue. Chairman Dorsey responded there have been multiple request to meet with the city.

Motion to deny the Annexation Proposal carried 4-0.

e) Utility Installation Permit Procedure / Policy

No action was taken.

13. New Business

a) Zion CME Church Road sight distance issue

Chairman Dorsey moved for County Administrator Terrell Partain and County Attorney Walter Gordon to seek additional right of way on Zion CME Church Road. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

b) Mize Property Tax Refund

Commissioner Carter moved to approve Mize 2019 Property Tax refund request of \$385.84. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

c) Ayers Property Tax Refunds

Commissioner Sayer moved to approve Ayers 2018 and 2019 Property Tax refund request of \$351. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Executive Session – Litigation – Real Estate

Commissioner Teasley moved to exit into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Teasley moved to reconvene the regular meeting session. Commissioner Sayer provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Sayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Teasley provided a second to the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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Joey Dorsey, Chairman

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Lawana Kahn, County Clerk